



Urban Sustainability: Re-envisioning Cities to Lead the Way toward A Circular Economy

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Dear Colleagues,

Urban communities play a critical role in achieving sustainability overall. To date urban communities rely heavily on surrounding peri-urban and rural areas to sustain their highly concentrated levels of consumption and waste. Yet how can urban communities be more sustainable and reduce the burden they pose to their surrounding areas? The answer lies in re-envisioning our cities as circular systems that serve as exemplars of a re-embedded circular economy. This kind of circular economy takes its cue from nature rather than from industrial throughput models.

This special issue explores the opportunities and challenges urban communities face, as they are re-envisioned as circular systems embedded in their diverse and complex social and environmental contexts. We invite contributions that envision sustainable solutions for urban infrastructure, food and water security, human services, ecosystems services, governance, and quality of life related arrangements that improve the sustainability and resilience of urban communities.

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